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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

VIA : Deputy Director (Plans) *[Signature]*

SUBJECT : Letter to the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission prepared for your Signature

1. Attached herewith is a letter to the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission which has been prepared for your signature and which indicates that the Agency is interested in the construction of the new research wing to

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2. The Agency will make use of the new research wing in connection with research problems in the defense against drugs and chemical techniques used in interrogation and brainwashing.

3. will be completely unwitting of our interest in them. The work which will be done in the facility will be handled through a cut-out which will conceal Agency sponsorship.

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Attachment: (1)
Letter for Signature of DCI

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The Honorable Lewis L. Strauss
Chairman
Atomic Energy Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Strauss:

The Central Intelligence Agency is greatly interested in the vital problem of defense against drugs and chemical techniques used in interrogation and "brainwashing".

The new projected research wing to the [REDACTED] which we discussed recently will significantly and specifically add to our research potential in solving this problem.

I understand that you have been asked to provide financial support for equipping this research installation by virtue of the fact that it proposes to investigate the chemotherapy of chronic diseases using radioisotope techniques.

To the extent that it may influence whatever decision you might make to support this project, I would like to express this Agency's conviction that it will specifically aid us toward the solution of a group of difficult and important problems.

Security considerations require that research of interest to this Agency at the new facility be so conducted that the [REDACTED] remain completely unaware of our sponsorship. It will therefore be very much appreciated if our interest in this matter be withheld from [REDACTED] authorities.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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